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Hundreds sickened in Dutch-US salmonella outbreak

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Hundreds of consumers in the Netherlands and the United States have been sickened by salmonella after eating smoked salmon produced at a Dutch fish factory, health authorities said yesterday.

In the Netherlands "some 200 people have fallen ill through contaminated salmon" while in the US about 100 people were infected "by the same type of salmonella," said the National Institute for Public Health (RIVM) in the Netherlands.

"The real number of in-

fectured people is likely to be higher," the RIVM added in a statement, saying smoked salmon made by Dutch fish producer Foppen has been taken off the shelves and removed from storage fridges.

Foppen supplies smoked salmon to major supermarket chains including retail giant Albert Heijn, Dutch food and consumer watchdog NVWA said in a statement.

It warned consumers not to eat any Foppen salmon already bought at supermarkets, which had been advised to take the product off their shelves.

Drug prevention steps must be taken early

Sylvester Aboikoni is leader of the drug prevention team of the Novadic Kentron organization in Holland. With the integration of the islands of Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius into Holland as a special province, Novadic Kentron has become very active on these islands. Mr. Aboikoni was one of the participants at the three-day conference on drug addiction held here last week.

In his remarks Aboikoni indicated that prevention is by far one of the most important aspects in the lives of young people. He said... "if you begin at the earliest possible age, you can prevent young people from getting into a lot of trouble." His experience has shown that when you begin giving information at an early age... 4th, 5th and 6th grade, you are preparing these young people before they move on to secondary school. And, it is important for parents to get involved in the process of prevention.

With respect to the management of marihuana as a "soft drug," Aboikoni says that no



drug is without risks. He said that the coffee shops in Holland, known for selling "soft drugs," are closing down and with the introduction of the "wietpas" (clubpass) they hope to raise the threshold for the use of cannabis and to raise awareness of the risk of this drug. The 'wietpas' rules aim to keep tourists out of from cannabis cafes by turning them into private clubs that only Dutch residents can join.

Aboikoni disagrees with the "Steppingstone theory" which states that the use of alcohol and

marihuana will lead to the use of "hard drugs." He indicates that, indeed, there are many who have become addicted who were first introduced to alcohol or marihuana, but that it is not logical that these people would automatically move on to other hard drugs. Many continue either using alcohol or marihuana exclusively.

According to him, we must be doing much more in the area of prevention on Aruba. He is convinced that FADA needs our total support with good material to do their job well.

Department to conduct general control on welfare recipients

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Social Affairs has recently issued a bulletin informing all welfare recipients that are registered at the Department for Labor Progress as job seekers, that as of October 1st they will begin a routine control on all welfare recipients.

This means that each recipient will receive an invitation to come to the Department on an assigned day and time to meet with one of the controllers. Together with the letter of invitation, recipients will receive a form to fill in and a list of documents to bring along to the appointment. It is important to be present on the designated day and time or else the welfare payment will be stopped for the next pay period. If after blocking a payment, the person still fails to appear for the control, the decision will be

taken to stop the payments indefinitely. This will require the person having to make a new petition for welfare support.

The Director of the Department of Social Affairs is appealing to all welfare recipients

to pay special attention to this announcement in order to avoid any negative consequences. For more information, feel free to call Tel. 582-1100 and ask for the welfare section (Bijstand).





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Ling & Sons IGA Super Center transfers to new owners

ORANJESTAD -- After more than 60 years serving the Aruban community Ling & Sons IGA Super Center will be evolving to a next chapter and new direction, welcoming a new management, effective October 1st 2012.

Ling & Sons started in a modest storefront in 1949, which was founded by Mr. & Mrs. Chao Yang Ling in San Nicolas and has progressed over the decades to a state of the art family owned establishment. Operated by the Ling family from generation to generation, it started with the founders who then passed it on to their sons and daughters. His eldest son Jimin Ling and wife introduced the self-service concept in the mid 60's.

Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Ling and Yolanda Ling then took over in the early 80's. After relocating in the 90's the Lings had expanded and modernized their facility by using barcode scanners. At the dawn of the 21st century it became increasingly apparent that Ling & Sons' consumer had a greater appetite for an even broader food palette. This prompted the Lings to raise the bar of quality and customer service to the high standards, as we know it presently.

Today Ling & Sons has

evolved into a super center servicing an unparalleled selection of food: an in-house bakery, food on the go, worldwide specialty foods and USDA meats. Throughout the whole year the marketing team promotes a healthy lifestyle within the community through sports and children's programs. At the end of the year Ling and Sons showcases its traditional fireworks show as token of appreciation towards the community.

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Finally, the entire Ling and Sons family would like to thank the Aruban community for their loyalty, trust and affection. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the generations of families in Aruba and beyond for more than 60 years. As of October 1st 2012, the new owners of Ling & Sons IGA Super Center will be managed by the Van den Tweel Group.

Aruba Bank recruits all secondary schools for the 3rd annual Good 4 the Neighborhood



Aruba Bank's inventive and engaging program for instilling community concern and service in teens continues, with Good 4 the Neighborhood 2012. It will be a massive clean up effort organized and conducted by 3rd year students of all secondary schools. Aruba's official waste collection system, Serlimar, is providing enthusiastic cooperation.

Aruba Bank staffers supervising the project along with young representatives from the various schools were introduced to the media, with the announcement of the campaign at Hard Rock Café in Palm Beach on Friday, September 28.

Participating 3rd years classes will organize a "Cleaning Day" among select barrios, in such a way as to engage their fellow students and neighbors. The project goals are to stimulate leadership, teamwork, creativity, and the desire to serve their community. The youth must devise a feasible plan and make it work.

Serlimar will contribute the large waste containers for each barrio, and haul away the refuse. Bank staffers have already canvassed neighborhoods and selected those most



in need of cleaning efforts; these will be "adopted" for the day. Participating classes are also charged with devising an educational theme for a recreational area for their barrio, which will establish and stimulate communication and community dialogs between neighbors.

At the conclusion of the exercise, the top three plans will be selected by a jury based on creativity, clarity and effectiveness. Prizes will be in the form of rewards to the schools. Aside from the top three winners, all participating schools will receive prizes of some sort from Aruba Bank.

The project will be presented during a grand finale event in December at Aruba

Bank Headquarters in Camacuri. The "Good4The-Neighborhood: Upgrade Your Barrio" hopes to not only involve all schools and students, but communities and residents in a program that establishes good neighbor habits.

by Rosalie Klein

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Caribbean Sea Jazz performers are here!

Pete Philly and Sven Hammond Soul arrive on Aruba ready to impress



Pete Philly and Sven Hammond Soul arrived on the island on Sunday afternoon's KLM flight. They are the first international bands to arrive for the upcoming Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, which is held at the festive Cas di Cultura site on October 5 and 6. With headliners like multi Grammy winner Chaka Khan and salsa sensation Oscar D'Leon, the buzz for the 2012 edition of the festival is already deafening. Pete Philly and Sven Hammond will be in more good company: an incredible line-up with local as

well as international talent will be their entourage.

A group of more than 30 musicians, technical staffers and press arrived with the flight from Holland. Minister plenipotentiary Edwin Abath, on the island for the Green Conference, welcomed singer and radio commentator Jovanka, Sven Hammond and Pete Philly and their happy friends. The Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival brochure, a very good-looking publication with

information about the festival, was snatched up by everyone. After the luggage had been wheeled into the VIP section it was time for Pete and Sven to sign their posters in the arrivals hall; the discerning eye will be able to notice their signatures on the giant festival posters.

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The week started with a breakfast for the Housekeepers. Afterwards the associates enjoyed different activities, among others Bingo and a "Bed Making" competition.


There were lots of raffles and prizes, a potluck" dish that 4 associates of the Housekeeping Department cooked for their colleagues. The celebration took place in the Housekeeping office, which was nicely decorated with balloons and garlands giving it a pleasant ambiance. The associates also enjoyed a BBQ on the resort's patio accompanied by music and

dancing

The Housekeeping Department associates were warmly congratulated – and also conged - by other departments.

According to the associates this appreciation week is very important to them; it motivates and encourages them to excel in their jobs.

Photos show the Housekeeping Department enjoying their week. It is Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Casino & Spa's way to say 'thank you' to all the associates for their good job performance, their collaboration certainly help exalt the hotel's quality.



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Caribbean Sea Jazz performers are here!

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Pete Philly, recently the proud owner of the Gouden Kalf for best film music, one of the most prestigious awards in Holland, has received rave reviews for his multi-media project 'Open Loops'. His solo album 'One' is a masterpiece, the result of two years of intense dedication after a whirlwind couple of years of playing gigs all over the world. Pete, born on Aruba in 1980 as Pieter Monzon, is a musical wizard in funk, jazz, soul and hiphop. Look him up at www.petephilly.com for his digital mix tape with free downloads.

Sven Hammond is the stage name of Sven Figuee; he has taken Hammond as his last name in honor of his Hammond organ, which he plays like a virtuoso. Together with his band members Tim Eijmaal



(guitar), Glen Gaddum (bass), Joost Kroon (percussion), Tom Beek and Arjan Muusz (sax), and Rik Mol (trumpet) and vocalists Demi Matenahoru and Ivan Peroti he is going to show his native island how soul and funk can go straight to your heart. A foretaste of Sven Hammond Soul in action can be witnessed at Café the Plaza's 21st anniversary bash on Thursday, October 4.

For more information about ticket sales and the schedule of the performing artists of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, please surf to www.caribbean-seajazz.com.



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Aruba YMCA says thanks to Boolchand's!



Aruba YMCA was simply delighted for having been chosen by Boolchand's to be the recipient of a much-needed gift. The gift was made possible by a special Back2School campaign which Boolchand's organized. For every purchase of a computer set during the school vacation, from July 6 to August 31, Boolchand's treated

every purchaser with a free memory stick, a carrying case and an anti-virus program. They also decided to allocate a percentage of every sale to the YMCA. According to Boolchand's Ravee Nandwani, they considered various foundations, but finally decided that the YMCA should be the recipient, they wanted



to contribute to the work that the YMCA is doing for the youth of Aruba.

Secretary General of the YMCA, Anky Vrolijk, indicated that Boolchand's donation could not have come at a better time when they are working on their structure and have so many needs for equip-

ment. Anky Vrolijk expressed, in name of the staff, Board and personnel, the heartfelt gratitude of the YMCA to Ravee Nandwani for their generosity.

Aruba YMCA has two clubs, one in Dakota and one in San Nicolas. They both provide activities to benefit whole families but with a focus on

our youth. The Y's activities include such activities as, the "tra'i merdia" which is a school homework guidance program, open air recreation, basketball court, etc. This year they organized a special vacation camp for our 60+ plussers from Club Kibrahacha, which was a first time for the YMCA.

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UN chief warns Syria on chemical weapons

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon yesterday once again warned Syria against using chemical weapons, saying any such attack would bring "dire consequences."

"I once gain emphasize the fundamental responsibility of the Syrian government to en-

sure the safety and security of any such stockpile," Ban told reporters at a meeting marking the 15th anniversary of the Chemical Weapons Convention on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

"The use of such weapons would be an outrageous crime with dire consequences," he

warned. "Chemical weapons simply have no place in the 21st century."

"I have expressed grave concern with statements made by representatives of the Syrian government about the existence of chemical weapons and their possible use," Ban stressed.

State Dept rejects call for UN envoy to resign over Libya

WASHINGTON (AFP) - State Department officials yesterday rejected calls for US ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice to resign, amid charges she misled Americans over the assault on a US mission in Libya.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "believes that Ambassador Rice has done a superb job... and we completely reject any such calls here in this building," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

A top Republican lawmaker has called for Rice's resignation after she dismissed suggestions on US TV talk shows that the September 11 assault on the Benghazi consulate, in which the US ambassador to Libya and three other Americans were killed, was a terrorist attack.

"I think Susan Rice should resign. She is America's foreign policy spokesman to the world as ambassador to the UN," New York congressman Peter King told National Review Online on Friday.

But Nuland insisted that in the early aftermath of the attack -- in which militants now said to be linked to Al-Qaeda, launched sustained, heavy-arms fire on the US compound and a nearby annex -- US officials had prefaced all remarks with a warning that "these were preliminary assessments."

"The secretary was careful

to make clear that these were preliminary assessments, that we would have to fully investigate," Nuland told reporters.

"So thereafter, as you know, the FBI began its investigation, the secretary established the accountability review board, as she's required to do by law.

"They are now beginning their work. So from where we are sitting here, we want to let those two investigations go forward, teach us what we need to learn and then take any necessary steps going forward."

Amid the confused and evolving account put forward by various officials from the US administration since the attack, there are a host of unanswered questions.

They include: What was ambassador Chris Stevens doing in Benghazi? Why was he not evacuated to the annex along with most of the other staff? Were the correct security procedures followed?

His diary, found later by CNN, suggested that Stevens feared he was on an Al-Qaeda hit list. And news of the diary's discovery prompted even more questions about how a reporter was able to wander the ruins of the consulate, which had already been declared an FBI crime scene.

Nuland yesterday refused to answer any questions about the current security at the Benghazi consulate, saying the FBI was in charge of the investigation.

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UNHCR: World facing unprecedented refugee crisis

GENEVA (AFP) - UN refugee agency chief Antonio Guterres warned yesterday that a surge in the number of refugees around the world was causing a crisis that was unprecedented in recent history.

"Already in 2011, as crisis after crisis unfolded, more than 800,000 people crossed borders in search of refuge, an average of more than 2,000 refugees every day, and this was higher than at any time in the last decade," Guterres said in an opening address to the annual UNHCR Executive Committee.

And the situation is getting worse, he said, with more than 700,000 people have fled from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Sudan and Syria so far this year.

He said the cost of helping the world's more than 42 million forcibly displaced people was also escalating fast due to drawn-out and large-scale displacements in places like Afghanistan and Somalia.

"We are at a moment when the demands on us are rising while the means available to respond have remained at a similar level to last year," he said, pointing out that UNHCR operations in Africa were especially underfunded.

"At this moment, we have no room for any unforeseen needs. No reserves available. In today's unpredictable operating environment, this is a cause for deep concern," he said.

The UNHCR's Executive Committee, made up of 87 member states, is set this week to review its annual budget of \$3.92 billion for 2013 and to look over the organisation's programs.

Guterres appealed to committee members to do more to help address the needs of "all those who find themselves uprooted from their homes and communities, as the crises of today and tomorrow continue to unfold."



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Zuckerberg meets Russian PM on Moscow mission

MOSCOW (AFP) - Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg yesterday met Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev as he visited Moscow on a mission to boost the social network's presence in the country and scout for new talent.

Russia is one of the few major countries worldwide where Facebook is not the number one social network and, with an estimated five

million users, it lags well behind the homegrown Russian-language rival VKontakte.

Local media also quoted industry sources as saying Zuckerberg was keen to tempt the best Russian programmers away from Moscow to work on higher salaries in the United States, a prospect that would hardly delight the government.

Zuckerberg met Medvedev -- who promotes himself as a

champion of innovation and a drive to give Russia a more diversified economy -- at the former president's Gorki residence outside Moscow.

"As you know we do not just have gas and oil and gold and diamonds in Russia but we also have an IT industry," Medvedev told Zuckerberg.

Medvedev spokeswoman Natalia Timakova said they also discussed cooperation in

IT technology and start-ups in Skolkovo -- the new hub outside Moscow that has been championed by Medvedev as a counterpart for Silicon Valley.

Zuckerberg said the main reason for his visit was to attend the Facebook Hack in Moscow, an event where programmers compete to create the best new applications, and acknowledged he liked Russians' abilities.

"We have been really impressed by the quality, talent, innovation that we have seen not only from the engineers that we work with at Facebook but also developers," he said.

In parting, Zuckerberg gave Medvedev a symbolic if somewhat modest gift: a plain white T-shirt with the prime minister's Facebook page (Facebook.com/Dmitry.Medvedev) emblazoned across the front.



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Health & Living

California bans gay conversion therapy

LOS ANGELES (APF) Gay rights groups praised California governor Jerry Brown Monday after the US state became the first to ban a form of therapy designed to change the sexual orientation of minors.

Doctors are now barred from performing so-called "reparative therapy" which experts say can cause psychological harm to youngsters, including driving them to having suicidal thoughts.

"These practices have no basis in science or medicine, and they will now be relegated to the dustbin of quackery," Brown said on his Twitter feed, after signing the ban into law at the weekend.

"This bill bans non-scientific 'therapies' that have driven young people to depression and suicide," he added.

Under the law doctors cannot provide therapy that seeks "to change behaviors or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex."

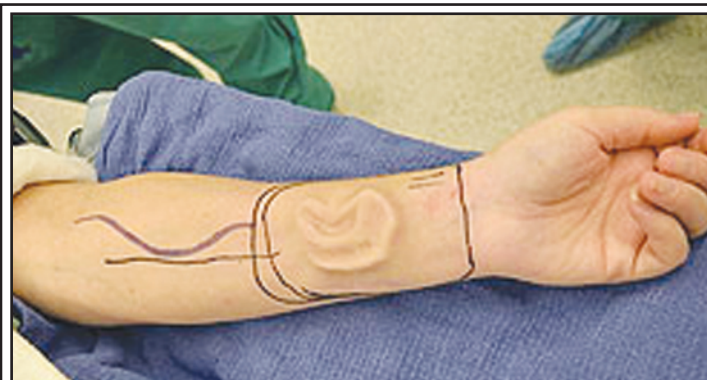
Lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gender (LGBT) rights groups had lobbied hard for California to pass the legislation, and were quick to praise the governor.

The Human Rights Campaign sent Brown a petition

with nearly 50,000 signatures ahead of a midnight Sunday deadline for the governor to sign the bill into law, along with other pieces of legislation.

"LGBT youth will now be protected from a practice that has not only been debunked as junk science, but has been proven to have drastically negative effects on their well-being" said its head, Chad Griffin.

"We commend Gov. Brown for putting children first, and call on all states to take California's lead on this issue," he added, quoted by the San Francisco Chronicle.



Back in 2008, Sherrie Walter, a mother of two, sought treatment for a persistent sore in her ear. A dermatologist, finally diagnosed her with basal cell carcinoma, the most common form of skin cancer. The cancer of the 42-year-old Maryland woman was removed, and sadly blood was found in her ear in 2010. The cancer had spread into her ear canal by 2012. Walter completely lost hearing on her left side. But doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore offered Walter a chance at a new ear -- a permanent one built from her own tissue. The groundbreaking procedure, involves removing cartilage from the rib cage to form a new ear, which is then placed under the skin of the forearm to grow. After four months, the ear was removed from her arm and re-attached to her head. The entire process took 20 months.



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Finance

US: Iran currency plunge sign sanctions are biting

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The plunge of Iran's currency shows the success of the "most punishing sanctions" ever amassed by the global community seeking to halt Tehran's suspect nuclear program, a US official said yesterday.

"From our perspective this speaks to the unrelenting and increasingly successful international pressure that we are all bringing to bear on the Iranian economy. It's under incredible strain," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Iran's currency weakened to 34,700 to the dollar by the end

of yesterday's trading, according to the Mesghal.com website, a drop of 17 percent compared to the previous day's rate of 29,600.

The Mehr news agency said the rial fell 18 percent to 35,000.

The rial has lost more than 80 percent of its value compared with the end of last year, when it was worth 13,000 to the dollar.

Iran is suffering the effects of tough Western economic sanctions curbing access to its reduced oil exports, as the West seeks to force Iran to rein in its nuclear program.

Fitch: Spain measures do not affect debt rating

MADRID (AFP) - The credit ratings agency Fitch said yesterday that Spain's latest budget cuts and a key audit on the health of its banks would not affect its rating on the country's sovereign debt.

The statement came after another major rating agency, Moody's, warned it might downgrade the country's debt to junk status.

Market analysts say Spain is likely to request a full sovereign bailout from the euro-zone within days or weeks to stabilize its public finances.

Budget measures, structural reforms and bank capital needs announced last week "do not change the key assumptions underlying our rating for Spain", a medium "BBB" rating with a negative credit outlook, Fitch said in a statement.

The Spanish 2013 budget,

presented to parliament on Saturday, contained 39 billion euros (\$50 billion) in austerity measures and forecast an economic contraction of 0.5 percent, seen by analysts as too optimistic.

The conservative government also revealed a broad range of reforms, including a loosening of markets for goods and services.

Fitch in its statement forecast that Spain would widely miss its economic target with a contraction of 1.5 percent and would log a public deficit equal to 5.0 percent of output, above the government's target of 4.5 percent.

"While the rating incorporates this slower deficit reduction, significant additional slippage would be ratings negative," putting Spain at risk of a downgrade, Fitch warned.

American Express fined for bilking card users

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Credit card giant American Express was fined \$27.5 million by US regulators and ordered to refund \$85 million to consumers yesterday for deceiving and overcharging card users.

The Federal Reserve, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency all came down on the card issuer and bank for deceptive marketing and debt collection practices between 2003 and 2012.

The Federal Reserve also faulted Amex for deficient compliance risk management and internal auditing, in an in-

vestigation that focused on Amex subsidiaries American Express Centurion Bank and American Express Bank, FSB.

Richard Cordray, director of the CFPB, said Amex violated consumer protection laws "at all stages of the game -- from the moment a consumer shopped for a card to the moment the consumer got a phone call about long overdue debt."

The CFPB said Amex Centurion Bank had led customers who signed up for its Blue Sky card program that they would

receive \$300 and then never paid it; that both banks charged customers illegal late fees; that they did not report some consumer disputes to credit bureaus as required; and that they misinformed customers on how their credit standing would improve if they repaid certain debts.

In all, the CFPB said, some 250,000 customers were affected by the illegal practices and Amex and its subsidiaries would have to repay them around \$85 million.

HP powers business tablet with Windows 8

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Hewlett-Packard yesterday took aim at "post PC" workplaces with a business-oriented tablet computer powered with new Windows 8 software by Microsoft.

The ElitePad 900 was to be available in the United States in January, with pricing details revealed closer to its release date.

"It combines the great style and user experience consumers demand with the features IT requires," said HP printing and personal systems executive vice president Todd Bradley.

"Businesses used to face a tough purchase decision: How to find a product that will delight employees and help them be more productive, while also

making sure IT can secure and manage it," he said. "The HP ElitePad meets all those tests."

The tablet was designed with businesses and governments in mind, according to the California-based computer giant.

ElitePad features a 10.1-inch (25.6 cm) display measured diagonally; weighs 1.5 pounds (.68 kgs) and just .36 inches (9.2 millimeters) thick, HP said.

The tablets also boasted enhanced security and "military-grade durability for drops, vibration, dust, temperature extremes and high altitude."

ElitePad "jackets" augment the touch-screen tablets with keyboards, extended battery life, and other features.



LILLE: AFP picture shows beer poured from a bottle into a beer glass in Lille, northern France. The level of taxation of beer will increase in France, which is expected to generate 480 millions of euros to French public welfare system (Securite sociale), the French government announced yesterday.

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Celebrity endorsements mean zilch to US voters: poll

WASHINGTON (AFP) - For all their visibility along the campaign trail, A-list celebrities hold little sway over the way Americans vote, an omnibus poll for CBS News and Vanity Fair magazine suggested. Eighty-nine percent of respondents said celebrity endorsements of a particular candidate made no difference to them when it came to putting an X beside a name in the voting booth. On other topics, 70 percent of respondents said they did not believe Scientology was a true religion, and 41 percent said they would alert the authorities if they saw a Mexican family crossing the border illegally. Nineteen percent said they'd prefer their children to marry into the Obama family, rather than wed a Kennedy (18 percent) or a member of the British royal family (16 percent).

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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



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SPORTS

NFL: Falcons, Cardinals, Texans remain undefeated



Reggie Bush #22 of the Miami Dolphins is tackled by Randy Starks #94 of the Arizona Cardinals

ATLANTA (AFP) - Late field goals kept the Atlanta Falcons and Arizona Cardinals undefeated on Sunday while Houston won in a rout to also stay perfect after four weeks of the National Football League season.

Regular referees were welcomed back to stadiums a day after they ratified a new eight-year contract with the league to end a lockout that began in June and saw replacement officials handle games in the campaign's first three weeks.

Atlanta's Matt Ryan completed 25-of-40 passes for 369 yards and three touchdowns to spark the Falcons over visiting Carolina 30-28, but the Panthers did not fall until Matt Bryant's 40-yard field goal with five seconds to play.

Starting from the Atlanta 1-yard line, Ryan connected with Roddy White on a 59-yard pass and two more completions as well as a pass interference penalty set up the kick that gave the Falcons their first 4-0 start since 2004.

White caught eight passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns while Michael Turner ran for 103 yards and caught three passes for 68 yards and a touchdown.

At Arizona, Jay Feely kicked a 46-yards field goal only 6:31 into over-time to give the host Cardinals a 24-21 victory over Miami for the 4-0 team's best start since 1974 when it was based in St. Louis.

Kevin Kolb completed 29-of-48 passes for 324 yards and three touchdowns for the Cardinals, including a 15-yard touchdown toss to Andre Roberts in the final seconds of the fourth quarter to equalize for Arizona.

Ryan Tannehill threw for a Dolphins' rookie-record 431 yards but Miami lost in over-time for the second week in a row, falling to 1-3.

Houston reached 4-0 for the

first time in club history with a 38-14 romp over Tennessee, which fell to 1-3.

Daniel Manning and Kareem Jackson each returned an interception for a touchdown for Houston while Matt Schaub threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns and Arian

Drew Brees completed 35-of-54 passes for 446 yards and three touchdowns, matching Johnny Unitas for an NFL record by completing a touchdown toss in his 47th consecutive game, but his Saints are 0-4 for the first time since 2007.

Saints' kicker Garrett Hartley kicked a 43-yard field goal late in the game but it was wiped out by a holding penalty and he would eventually miss a 48-yard try and the Packers then ran out the clock.

The reigning Super Bowl champion New York Giants fell to 2-2 with a 19-17 loss at Philadelphia. Alex Henery kicked four field goals and Michael Vick threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Desean Jackson for the Eagles, whose three triumphs in our games have come by a total of four points.

New England's Tom Brady



Stevan Ridley #22 of the New England Patriots runs against the Buffalo Bills

Foster ran for 86 yards and a touchdown for the Texans.

The Green Bay Packers, whose last-play loss Monday at Seattle on a botched call by replacement officials helped spark a settlement with the regular referees 48 hours later, bounced back by edging winless New Orleans 28-27.

Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers completed 31-of-41 passes for 319 yards and four touchdowns, including the game-winning 11-yard scoring throw to Jordy Nelson with 7:00 to play.

threw for 340 yards and three touchdowns and the Patriots scored on six of their last seven possessions to rip Buffalo 52-28.

San Diego downed Kansas City 37-20 to remain atop the AFC West division while Minnesota defeated Detroit 20-13 to move a game ahead of Chicago in the NFC North. In other games, St. Louis beat Seattle 19-13, Washington edged Tampa Bay 24-22, San Francisco blanked the New York Jets 34-0, Denver dumped Oakland 37-6 and Cincinnati defeated Jacksonville 27-10.

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-By the time Woods flopped at the last, Europe had taken the singles by an unthinkable 8 1/2 to 3 1/2.

An emotional Olazabal

paid tribute to the late Severiano Ballesteros, his great friend and Ryder Cup playing partner, who died from a brain tumour last year.

"Seve will always be present with this team," he said.

"He was a big factor for this event, for the European side, and last night when we were having that meeting, I think the boys understood that believing was the most important thing, and I think they did."

US skipper Davis Love said that he would not have done anything different in his tactics or selections.

"They played great," he said. "We had a couple of matches that got flipped there at the end that made it a little bit easier on them. This is a great team and we had a great week."

Cricket: Sri Lanka beat England in World Twenty20

PALLEKELE (AFP) - Sri Lanka beat England by 19 runs to reach the World Twenty20 semi-finals along with West Indies Monday and send the defending champions crashing out of the tournament.

Sri Lanka made 169-6 in their 20 overs before Lasith Malinga took a career best 5-31 to restrict England to 150-9 in their 20 overs in Pallekele. Earlier, West Indies defeated New Zealand in a thrilling

Super Over finish.

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Golf: Europe lauds Ryder Cup triumph

CHICAGO (AFP) - Rampant Europe produced the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history to reel in the United States and retain the trophy at Medinah Country Club on Sunday.

Trailing by 10-6 going into the closing 12 singles, Jose Maria Olazabal's men thrillingly won the first five matches out and went on to make sure of victory when Martin Kaymer downed Steve Stricker 1 up in the penultimate match.

He clinched it with a six-foot putt at the last, 21 years

after his fellow German Bernard Langer missed from a similar distance to hand victory to the United States at Kiawah Island.

That gave the Europeans the 14 points they needed to make sure of keeping the small, golden trophy for another two years, and then minutes later Tiger Woods missed a four-footer at 18 against Francesco Molinari to hand overall victory to Europe 14 1/2 to 13 1/2.

"This is indescribable," Kaymer said.

"I was so nervous in the last two or three holes. Olazabal came up to me on the 16th and told me we needed my point to win the Ryder Cup. I loved that feeling. Loved it.

"You cannot compare the pressure of winning this to winning my major. I won that for myself. But today I could hear my team and hear all the people. My season hasn't been good but today I made a huge step for my confidence."

The Americans had started the 12 closing singles 10-6 ahead and needing just 4 1/2

points to win the cup for just the second time in the last decade, the other time being at Valhalla, Kentucky four years ago.

They got to that position by dominating the foursomes and fourballs play on Friday and Saturday, taking two sessions 3-1 and splitting the two others 2-2.

Jose Maria Olazabal's out-gunned team were left with the mammoth task of winning eight out of the 12 singles to put the overall match score at 14-14, thus ensuring Europe

retained the cup as holders.

No European side had ever managed to comeback from 6-10 down in the Ryder Cup and no US team had ever lost more than a two-point advantage on the final day since the competition began in 1927.

Olazabal loaded his top guns at the start of the singles slate and there was some early momentum as Luke Donald quickly went 2 up on Bubba Watson in the lead match and Europe eased ahead in three of the first five matchups with one all-square.

But gradually the US team settled in with some strong middle-order players and it became increasingly clear how huge the task on hand was for the Europeans.

Crucially though the first point home was a blue one as Donald led from start to finish to see off crowd-pleaser Watson 2 and 1.

The Englishman was four up with five to play, but missed a four-footer to win on the 14th. Watson took the 15th and then chipped in to nick the 16th before Donald clinched it with a superb bunker shot at 17.

Then Paul Lawrie, Europe's oldest player at 43, pulled off an upset by trouncing Tour Championship winner Brandt Snedeker 5 and 3.

And when world No.1 Rory McIlroy, who nearly missed his tee-time due to a mixup over time zones, completed a 2 and 1 win over the previously unbeaten Keegan Bradley, and Ian Poulter finished a perfect 4-0 by defeating Webb Simpson 2 up, the overall match was tied at 10-10.

Dustin Johnson beat Nicolas Colsaerts 3 and 2 to put the Americans back ahead only for Justin Rose to win the last two holes with monster putts to defeat Phil Mickelson 1 up.

Zach Johnson edged Graeme McDowell 2 and 1, but Sergio Garcia won the last two holes to stun Jim Furyk and Lee Westwood completed a 3 and 2 win over Matt Kuchar to make it Europe 13 United States 12.

Jason Dufner defeated Peter Hanson 2 up and it was level at 13-13.

It all came down to the last two matches and they were both all square at that point.

Woods moved one up on Molinari, but Kaymer took the 17th against Steve Stricker and he sunk the nerve-jangling six footer at the last to ensure Europe had the 14 points they needed.

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